

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] As illustrated in Figures 2 and 3, the identification mechanism 2 includes a sensor for detecting an identification code, namely a fingerprint reader 5, which is preferably a CCD sensor. The housing 3 also houses an accumulator 6, which is charged through a charging contact 7 or in another suitable manner, such as inductively. The fingerprint reader 5, an RF ~~sender-transmitter~~ 11 (of which only the antenna-11 is illustrated), an LCD indicator 12 and the other electronic components of the identification mechanism 2 are controlled by a microprocessor 9 which is included on a printed circuit 8. A function key 13 is provided on the identification mechanism 2 and is configured to indicate the name or the picture of the authorized user of the weapon on the display 12.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] The microprocessor 9 has a store where the fingerprint pattern of the authorized person, or other identification code, is stored. The microprocessor 9 is configured as a comparator which compares the input fingerprint ~~with a~~ with the stored fingerprint. When the fingerprints match, the ~~receiver~~ transmitter 11 sends an activating signal 16 to the weapon 1 (Figure 1).